

Above all, let's not forget that these efforts begin and end with the American people. Every time we reduce the threat that has hung over our heads since the dawn of the Nuclear Age, we help to ensure that from the far stretches of the Aleutians to the tip of the Florida Keys, the American people are more secure. That is our most serious task and our most solemn obligation.

The challenge of this moment is matched only by its possibility. So let us do our duty. Thank you very much.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING RECESS

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4 1995, the Secretary of the Senate, on March 1, 1995, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 257. An act to amend the charter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars to make eligible for membership those veterans that have served within the territorial limits of South Korea.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 1994, the enrolled bill was signed on March 1, 1995, during the recess of the Senate by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House of Representatives has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1022. An act to provide regulatory reform and to focus national economic resources on the greatest risks to human health, safety, and the environment through scientifically objective and unbiased risk assessments and through the consideration of costs and benefits in major rules, and for other purposes.

The message also announced, that pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 84-372, the Speaker appoints as a member of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Commission the following Member on the part of the House: Mr. LEWS of California.

The message further announced that, pursuant to the provisions of 22 United States Code 276h, the Speaker appoints the following Member as a member on the part of the House of the United States Delegation of the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group for the First Session of the 104th Congress: Mr. KOLBE, Chairman.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1022. An act to provide regulatory reform and to focus national economic resources on the greatest risks to human health, safety, and the environment through scientifically objective and unbiased risk as-

sessments and through the consideration of costs and benefits in major rules, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

#### ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on March 1, 1995 she had presented to the President of the United States, the following enrolled bill:

S. 257. An act to amend the charter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars to make eligible for membership those veterans that have served within the territorial limits of South Korea.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SIMPSON, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs:

Special Report entitled "Legislative and Oversight Activities During the 103d Congress by the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs" (Rept. No. 104-11).

By Mr. HATFIELD, from the Committee on Appropriations, with amendments and an amendment to the title:

H.R. 889. A bill making emergency supplemental appropriations and rescissions to preserve and enhance the military readiness of the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-12).

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THURMOND, from the Committee on Armed Services:

Herschelle Challenor, of Georgia, to be a Member of the National Security Education Board for a term of 4 years.

Sheila Cheston,\* of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force.

Josue Robles, Jr.\*, of Texas, to be a member of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission for a term expiring at the end of the first session of the 104th Congress.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed, subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-446. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Selective Service System; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-447. A communication from Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Defense Business Operations Fund; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-448. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant

to law, notice relative to the report on the manpower request for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-449. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on proposed obligations for facilitating weapons destruction and non-proliferation in the Former Soviet Union; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-450. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on monetary policy; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-451. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Programs; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-452. A communication from Assistant Administrator for Weather Services, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the National Weather Service; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-453. A communication from the President of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the legislative report and the Federal Grant request for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mrs. HUTCHISON:

S. 480. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Gleam*; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 481. A bill to limit the amount of expenditures required under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 and other laws for the protection of fish and wildlife made by the Bonneville Power Administration that may be recovered from ratepayers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HOLLINGS (for himself and Mr. THURMOND):

S. 482. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation and coastwise trade endorsement for the vessel *Emerald Ayes*; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. THOMPSON):

S. 483. A bill to amend the provisions of title 17, United States Code, with respect to the duration of copyright, and for the other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRAHAM:

S. 484. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to establish a national clearinghouse to assist in background checks of applicants for law enforcement positions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON:

S. 485. A bill to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to provide and clarify the authority for certain municipal solid waste flow control arrangements; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.